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New Comment Submission

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A new comment has been submitted at socotransmission.com.

COMMENT

Meeting Attended:

I was not able to attend a meeting

Important Issues:

Land Use (Agriculture, Residential, Recreation), Historic and Cultural Sites, Radio or Television Interference, Noise, Health and Safety, Project Purpose and Need, Visual / Aesthetic Resources, Proximity to Residences

Property Uses: Agriculture, Residential

Comment:

To Whom It May Concern:

I-249-001

I would like to show my concern for the lack of information given to property owners about the proposed transmission line that is proposed to run through their property. My dad, James R. (Jim) Kimbrough, was at his property in La Vera Acres subdivision most of the summer. He did not become aware of the proposed line until the week of 9-14-09. I find this to be on the brink of being unlawful. How could you propose to ruin so much property without a formal notice given to each property owner? The Kimbrough family trust, who legally owns the property and every other property owner Jim has contacted, knew nothing of this proposed line. If Jim would not have been contacted by a neighbor we would still not be aware of the plans for the line.

The Kimbrough family trust did not buy this land as an investment. It was bought for the beautiful scenery and views that are absent in our home towns in Texas. Jim bought this land for his family and friends to be able to get away from the big cities of Houston and Dallas. Literally 20 to 60 friends and family visit the property annually. His intention was to pass this property on to my nephew Cameron Tipton. Cameron usually spends 3 to 4 weeks during the summer at the property. Your proposed line would ruin all of this.

I-249-002

Your map of the proposed line shows no houses or buildings in LaVeta Acres subdivision. All tracts are at least 35 acres. Most all of which has some type of dwelling. Maybe if you took the time to explore the area, either in person or on Google Earth, you would have seen all the dwellings that have been built. Some of these improvements have been there for years. I have noticed that the lines cross to the north side of Highway 160 west of the LaVeta Pass. I am sure the "Forbes Money" has something to do with that. Why would you not run the line on the north side of Highway 160 the entire way? There are not any visible homes on the north side of 160 from LaVeta to LaVeta Pass.

I-249-003

I want this to be a formal protest on behalf of the Kimbrough Family Trust of the building of your transmission line through our property. The view would be taken away and would make the property useless. Not too mention the danger to people and animals living under such an electromagnetic field. As a property owner, you are asking us to continue to pay taxes, spend money in LaVeta and

I-249-004 I-249-005

http://mail.google.com/mail/?ui=2&ik=760671f559&view=pt&search=inbox&msg... 9/22/2009

I-249-001: Public Involvement Process (In Review)

Your email/letter/comment form has been received and your comment noted. The project is in the planning and environmental review stages. Current project information will be available on the RUS project website, http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/ea.htm and the Utilities' project website, http://www.socotransmission.com/.

The Environmental Impact Statement is anticipated to be completed in late 2010 and will be available at http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/ea.htm.

I-249-002: Correction to Data (In Review)

Your email/letter/comment form has been received and your comment noted. The information you provided will be verified and project materials will be updated accordingly.

The Environmental Impact Statement is anticipated to be completed in late 2010 and will be available at

http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/ea.htm.

I-249-003: Route Refinement > SLV-Calumet (In Review)

Your email/letter/comment form has been received and your comment noted. Route refinement for the proposed project and mitigation measures will be addressed in the Environmental Impact Statement. The Environmental Impact Statement is anticipated to be completed in late 2010 and will be available at

http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/ea.htm.

I-249-004: Visual and Aesthetic (In Review)

Your email/letter/comment form has been received and your comment noted. Potential impacts to visual and aesthetic resources from the proposed project and mitigation measures will be addressed in the Environmental Impact Statement.

The Environmental Impact Statement is anticipated to be completed in

Walsenburg, while you ruin the very aspect of the property.

I cannot tell you how troubling it has been to learn of your plans. I will assure you that any taking of our land will be done through a fight.

I would like some acknowledgement of the receipt of this protest.

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I-249-005: Electrical Characteristics (In Review)

Your email/letter/comment form has been received and your comment noted. Electrical characteristics of the proposed project and mitigation measures will be addressed in the Environmental Impact Statement. The Environmental Impact Statement is anticipated to be completed in late 2010 and will be available at http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/ea.htm.